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Problems in forest entomology and range plant biology will be investigated by two Montana State University forestry students under a research grant from the National Science Foundation.

Gerard D. Hertel and Robert E. Lovegrove have been selected to conduct the research under the first NSF Undergraduate Research Participation Program in the School of Forestry. The grant provides \$6,300 to support research by three undergraduate students. A third student will be selected later this spring to conduct independent research.

The program will be directed by Dr. R. D. Taber, professor of forestry.

The research program allows academically superior students interested in research to conduct independent investigation.

Both Hertel and Lovegrove will conduct their research in western Montana. Hertel will study forest entomology on MSU's Lubrecht Experimental Forest east of Missoula. They will begin their work this summer.

The National Science Foundation has supported a similar program in the MSU microbiology department for seven consecutive years. This program was recently continued for another year. It has been found that more than 60 per cent of the students who have participated in undergraduate research have gone on to do post graduate study and research.

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